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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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Immunization Updates:

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE RATES IN RI STILL DROPPING

Did You Know....

- In 2007, RI ranked 37th among other states
- For the first time, RI rates (75%) fell below the national average (77%)
- The percentage of toddlers who received 4 doses of DTaP by 2 years of age fell by 10% (95% in 2004 to 85% in 2007)
- Only 40% of infants and toddlers in 2006 received influenza vaccine
- Only 19% of kids under 2 years receive their immunizations on time
- In 2001 and 2002 RI had the highest immunization rates in the US and remained in the top 10 for over a decade. **But not any more.**

What are you doing to be sure your patients are getting vaccinated on time? Please take a few moments to complete the enclosed survey and offer your suggestions for improving immunization rates in RI toddlers.

CDC ISSUES HIB ADVISORY

On March 18 CDC issued a Health Advisory titled "Invasive Haemophilus Influenzae Type b Disease in Young Children and Importance for All Young Children to receive 3-Dose Primary Series with Available Hib-containing Vaccine." To view the advisory in full go to:
www.health.ri.gov/advisories/immunization.php.

Recommendations for HIB Vaccine Usage During Shortage

The following non-high risk children should be scheduled to receive the primary series of Hib vaccine as outlined below:

- If the child is at least 6 weeks but less than 12 months of age and has received zero, one, or two doses of Hib vaccine, schedule him/her for the first or next dose(s) immediately with a minimum of four weeks between the doses. These children will need one booster dose when the Hib vaccine shortage is over.
- If the child is between 12 and 14 months of age and has not had any doses of Hib vaccine, schedule appointments for two doses, eight weeks apart.
- If the child is between 12 and 14 months of age and has received Hib vaccine but did not complete the primary series before they turned 1-year-old (i.e., had 1 dose of the Merck product OR 1-2 doses of the Sanofi product), schedule an appointment for 1 additional dose, a minimum of eight weeks from the last dose.
- If the child is at least 15 months of age but less than 5 years of age and has not received any doses of Hib vaccine OR has not completed the primary series (i.e., had 1 dose of the Merck product OR 1-2 doses of the Sanofi product), schedule an appointment for one dose.
- If the child is 5 years of age or older and hasn't received any Hib vaccine, Hib vaccine is not necessary.

Certain children are at increased risk for Hib disease, including children with asplenia, sickle cell disease, human immunodeficiency virus infection, and certain other immunodeficiency syndromes, and malignant neoplasms. CDC recommends that providers continue to vaccinate these children with available Hib vaccine according to the routinely recommended schedules, including the booster dose at 12-15 months.

ROTARIX and KINRIX are available– Please report accurately. Make sure that the Rotavirus vaccine used for each patient (RotaTeq or ROTARIX) is accurately recorded. During the next few months both vaccines may be available in your office.

KIDSNET paper reporters: New Data Sheets have recently been delivered to all offices. Throw away all old Data Sheets. There are now check boxes for both ROTARIX and RotaTeq on the new forms. Please note the new Data Sheets also have a separate check box for KINRIX when it is given at the 4-6 year old visit.

KIDSNET Electronic and HL7 reporters: Check the coding in your office's EMR to assure that you can record the new vaccines. The appropriate coding is listed below:

DESCRIPTION	MANF	CVX	CPT	COMMENTS
KINRIX	SKB	130	90696	DTaP-IPV, 4-6 years only
ROTARIX	SKB	119	90681	Rotavirus vaccine, 2 doses

Immunization Report

In March 2009, the following **26** practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Allen Berry Health Center, Broadway Treatment Center, Chafee Health Center, Capitol Hill Health Center, Concilio Pediatrics, Cranston Medical, Cranston - University Medical Group, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, East Bay Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, East Bay Community Action Program, Everett Wilcox Center, Fatima Health Center, Family Medicine Specialists, Hillside Avenue Family & Community Medicine, Mineral Spring Pediatrics, Mineral Spring Family Practice, Northstar Pedi Primary Care, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Olneyville Health Center, P.R.I.M.A., SanAntonio & Chavarria, Dr. Salm – Aquidneck Newport, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Wakefield Pediatrics, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In March 2009, the following **31** pediatric practices used this report: **Allenberry Health Center, Bayside Family Healthcare, Central Health Center, Concilio Pediatrics, Cumberland Pediatrics, Chad Brown Health Center, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Cranston – University Medical Group, East Greenwich Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Care Center, Family Medicine Specialists, Foster – University Medicine Foundation, Hasbro Med Peds Practice, Kingstown Pediatrics, Dr. Polly Leonard, MHRI Primary Care Pediatric Center, Mineral Spring Family Practice, Narragansett Indian Health Center, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Thomas Puleo, P.R.I.M.A., Rhode Island Family Care, Dr. Salm – Aquidneck Newport, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Spectrum Health Care, Thundermist Health Centers of South County, West Warwick and Woonsocket, Tri-Town Health Center, University Family Medicine, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

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